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Remarks

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to state that, in one embodiment of the invention, the monolithic catalyst may comprise a crossflow design. This feature is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 6,211,255 (column 7, lines 1-5), which is incorporated by reference into the present application. Therefore, applicants submit that this amendment to the specification is proper.

Claims 1-5, 9, 13, 19-24 and 26-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Arcuri et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,262,131) in view of Schanke et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,211,255). These claims have been canceled. Therefore, the present rejection is now moot.

The Examiner has stated that claims 25, 30 and 31 would be allowable if they are rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of their base and intervening claims. These claim have been so amended. In addition, claims 25 and 30 have been further amended to delete the reference to Taylor flow, since other flow regimes exist in which back mixing is substantially eliminated.

New claims 32-34 have been added to the application. These claims depend on claims 25, 30 and 31. Therefore, applicants submit that these claims are allowable.

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In light of the foregoing, claims 25 and 30-34 are submitted as allowable.

Favorable action is solicited.

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